



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY FARMERS AND CATTLE PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Member, Stakeholder and Supplier,

NADF is holding the next full Executive Meeting on the 6th September 2011 with open and closed sessions. Should you have any queries or concerns, please bring these to the attention of your Regional Chairman so that these can be discussed at this meeting.

At the last closed Executive Meeting dates for regional meetings were set as follows :

Mash A – 29th September 2011 at 9.30a.m. at CFU

Mash B – 21st September 2011 at 10a.m. at the Beatrice Club

Chipinge – 27th September 2011 at 10a.m. – venue to be confirmed

Mutare – 28th September 2011 at 10a.m. – venue to be confirmed

Gweru – 23rd September 2011 at 10.a.m. at the CFU Offices Gweru

Bulawayo – 22nd September 2011 at 10a.m. – venue to be confirmed

Please support these regional meetings. It is the only way that NADF can interact with members and obtain feedback. We are hoping to be able to introduce all our new Executive Members to you at these meetings. Please see below a list of the new Executive Members :

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY FARMERS ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS 2011/2012		
AREA	CHAIRPERSON	VICE CHAIRPERSON
NATIONAL	VENEKA BWERINOFA	CRAIG FOLLWELL
CHIPINGE	ELAINE LEACH	IAN LANG
MUTARE	JOHN STANGER	NABOTH MAKUNIKE
MASHONALAND A	TELFAN STAMPS	STEVE LAPHAM
MASHONALAND B	STOFF HAWGOOD	
MIDLANDS	PETER DE BRUYN	EMANUEL ZIMBANDU
MATABELELAND	CRAIG FOLLWELL	DR BG MOYO
NATIONAL MEMBERS	AJS KIRK and CHARLES NYATANGA	

Please take note that today, Friday 12th August 2011 is Debbie's last day with the NADF. We thank her for her loyalty and dedication to the NADF and wish her well in the future.

In the last Newsflash letter, we reported on the National Annual General Meeting that was held on the 5th of July 2011. Some of the key positive feedback on the event that has filtered into the NADF Offices is :

- Fewer presentations and for longer periods of time so that they are not so rushed and there is more question and answer time.
- Only one presentation to be run at a time. There were some people who wanted to attend presentations that were held at the same time and had to make difficult choices.
- Possibly have the sales pitches first, and technical presentations later.
- Possibly have a two day event, with presentations and technical talks on one day and the AGM meeting with the Dairy Dinner Dance on the second day.

Please let us have your opinions and views as this will help us with the planning of next year's meeting.

Dairy Farmers who are concerned about Foot and Mouth Disease in close proximity to their operations should liaise with their local Provincial Veterinary Officer regarding a vaccination programme. Each case is dealt with on an individual basis by the Department of Veterinary Field Services.

COMMERCIAL FARMERS' UNION – CONGRESS 2011

CFU held its annual Congress on the 26th July 2011 at Wild Geese. This was well attended and well supported by all stakeholders. If anyone left a jacket hanging over their chair at the function, please contact Debbie Mylroie about this.

NOTES FOR HOME MIXERS

At a recent Tuli field Day, Dr Doug Bruce gave an excellent demonstration on how to do a post mortem on a mombie. The sacrificial animal was a heifer that had dislocated its hip and generally considered in good health, BUT the post mortem conferred that the animal had a piece of wire stuck in its heart. This is a common occurrence if wire is taken in by cattle, due to the alignment of the rumen and the heart, helped by muscular movements of the rumen. An animal with wire piercing its heart will appear normal, but will show a steady decline in performance and general health. Remedial treatment will have no positive effect and in time the animal will die.

To prevent this happening, home mixers must arrange their mixing facilities to ensure all raw materials are passed through a sieve/screen to capture foreign materials such as wire and this will prevent "wire disease".

RHODES GRASS SEED

We have traced a supplier of both Giant and Katambora Rhodes grass seed in Harare. If you wish to purchase this, please contact : Lomag on (04) 885 645 or Mr Manning on 0772 260 431.

**NADF has for sale Automatic Syringe Kits at a cost of \$100.00 per set.
Should you be interested in purchasing these, please contact
Rob Van Vuuren on robvan@cfuzim.org or during office hours on (04)309861.**

CATTLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

CC sales have advised that their sales are still restricted because of the foot and mouth outbreak. However, the Veterinary Department is now allowing them to have one young/breeding stock sale per month and this takes place on a Friday. NADF therefore only receives the figures after the CFU Calling report is submitted for publication so some of the prices published are already a week old.

Neil Wright and Rob Van Vuuren continue to work on updating the 6 beef models which cover the historical 6 common production systems. Neil will be away on leave for almost a month and, on his return, will be in a position to finalise the models. As with the dairy model the beef models will capture trends with the beef industry.

BOTSWANA CATTLE

There is obviously much concern about the slaughtering of Botswana cattle in Zimbabwe. I obtained the following information from the Director of Livestock, Production and Development.

The recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Botswana resulted in the EU exports being stopped. Botswana had two options :

1. Engage a slaughter out strategy
2. Get an agreement for Zimbabwe to have the animals slaughtered in Zimbabwe.

The Director believes there are 20 000 animals involved and since local slaughtering account for about 18 000 head a month, the effect should be short term!!

He understands the implications for local beef producers and stressed there was no consultation before this Government to Government agreement was signed.

Had there been an active Cattle Producers' Association this situation could possibly have been curtailed or at least dealt with differently. Beef producers need to appreciate the importance of an association to represent their interests.

NATIONAL BULL SALE AVERAGES 2011 -27th July

BREED	NO ENTERED	NO SOLD	AVERAGE	LOW PRICE	HIGH PRICE
Blonde d'Aquitaine	1	1	2050	2050	2050
Beefmaster	10	10	3300	2100	5000
Bonsmara	3	2	2250	2000	2500
Boran	2	2	3650	3400	3900
Brahman	49	46	3697	1200	15250
Droughtmaster	3	2	5500	3400	7700
Dorper	13	13	1338	1025	2750
Herefords	7	7	3510	2500	5000
Limousin	1	1	1200	1200	1200
Santa Gertrudis	3	3	1767	1500	2200
Simbrah	4	4	2600	2100	3300
Senepol	4	4	2300	2000	2800
Simmental	7	7	3293	2400	4000
Tuli	11	11	1977	1500	2900

COTTON OIL, CAKE AND MEAL

We have been advised that there is 26% average protein cotton oil, cake and meal to offer from Sanyati and Mt Darwin. Prices are negotiable subject to quantities ordered. Should you be interested in purchasing this, please contact Sajal Agarwal, Grafax Cotton, 4th Floor G & B House, 83 Sam Nujoma Street, Phones: 771261 / 759413 Fax: 759708, Cell: 0772913760, Direct Line: 780444 or e-mail : accounts@grafaxcotton.com

MAIZE

We have been advised that there is 420 000 tonnes available in Bulawayo. The price is negotiable subject to quantities purchased. For more information please contact Dr B G Moyo on (09)63545 or (09)63544 or 0912 851 540 or 0712 219 828 or bgmoyo@mandobo.co.zw

DAIRY MANAGER REQUIRED

NADF has been advised that a Dairy Manager is being sought to manage a large scale dairy farm in the Orange Free State, South Africa. Should you be interested in this please contact : tandi@sinergi.co.za or joe.whaley01@gmail.com

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

We have in stock and available at our offices at present :

Animal Foods of Central Africa Technical Handbook @ US\$10,00 each

Stock Registers @ US\$5,00 each

Daily Milk Records of Individual Cows @ US\$5,00 each

Recommended Guide to Good Dairy Farming Practices @ \$2.00 each

Dairy Handbooks @ US\$40,00 each

Cattle Producers' Association Beef Production Manual @ US\$40,00 each

Go Green Mastitis Mint @ US\$10,00 each

Automatic Syringe Kits @ US\$100,00 each

Should you be interested in purchasing any of the above items, please call at Commercial Farmers Union, Agriculture House and see the NADF Offices.

Yours faithfully

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CHAIRMAN
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY FARMERS**